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In re Patent Application of:  
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For: METHOD FOR STABILIZING MACROLIDE  
COMPOUNDS

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Examiner: E. Peselev

**AMENDMENT IN RESPONSE TO NON-FINAL OFFICE ACTION**

MS Amendment  
Commissioner for Patents  
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Madam:

**INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS**

In response to the Office Action dated March 13, 2009, please amend the above-identified U.S. patent application as follows:

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 6 of this paper.